

Manta Rays

Facts:

Animal Name(s): Manta Ray; Reef Manta Ray & Oceanic Manta Ray

Species Name(s):
Mobula alfredi &
Mobula birostris

“Manta” is Spanish for “cloak”, referring to their blanket-shaped bodies!

Lifespan: Estimated up to 50 years

Size: Oceanic manta rays can reach up to 22ft (7m) in width!

Where they live: Tropical and subtropical oceans worldwide

What they eat: microscopic plankton, small fish, and crustaceans

Endangered Status: Vulnerable

Interesting Fact: They are nicknamed “devil rays” for the horn-like features on their face, which are actually fins! These fins help them scoop plankton into their mouths!

